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Sketch by Frank McGee '48

Father Rector's Christmas Message

The recurring season of Christmas brings with it the opportunity of wishing you the fullness of Christ's love and blessings. To men who do His Will and win His friendship, the angels, in His Name, promised peace. For the past five years we have hoped the Christian leaven in a war-torn world would lead the Prince of Peace to reach out His strong right arm and restore the "tranquillity of order" to men and nations. That hope and prayer persists.

To ensure its fulfillment we must look to the angels' condition: "men of good will," men who win God's friendship through doing His Will, men who are genuinely Christian.

Citizens of a country whose earliest pioneers drew their inspiration from the Crib and from the Cross, whose brief but glorious history is closely linked with the spread of Christianity, whose fighting sons believe their blood is being shed in defence of Christian ideals, we must ever strive to make our minds and actions more profoundly Christian.

Students of a college dedicated to the spread of Christian culture, culture that prepares men for heaven as well as for earth, that has prompted so many hundreds of Loyola's sons to oppose their stout hearts and young lives to the tide of evil that threatened to sweep the world, the rich significance of Bethlehem, of a God Who shared our nature that we might share His Kingdom, must be fresh and urgent in your thoughts and conduct.

No higher wish can I have, this Christmas of 1944 and for the coming year, than that you and all of us may grow in the intimate knowledge of the Babe of Bethlehem, that our lives, becoming more Christian and so more Christ-like, may merit the fullness of His friendship, and with it, peace with God and our fellow men.

To you, present and past students of Loyola, to your families and to all who have Loyola's interest at heart, I wish to extend sincere Christmas Greetings. That God may keep and guard you throughout the coming year, I will offer my midnight mass for you and your intentions.

Edward M. Brown, S.J.

Dec. 8th Great Success

Frs. Sheridan,
Daly, Speakers

By A. MILLEDGE

On Friday last the Sodality celebrated its patronal feast, that of the Immaculate Conception. In the late afternoon, Fr. Rector received candidates into the High School and College Sodalities, after an inspiring sermon by Fr. Sheridan on man's most precious supernatural gift, sanctifying grace. He showed how man, a humble creature, can actually earn, through sanctifying grace, the everlasting reward which Christ merited for him on the Cross.

The reception was followed by solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

After the ceremony, the old and new Sodalities went to the Foyer for the once traditional banquet, which was the first in several years. The Prefect, Jack O'Brien, said this was another of the important traditions brought back to Loyola this year and, that although it was only a "banquet of sorts," still it was the best that could be done in war-time. "This is the forty-eighth year of our Sodality," added the Prefect, "and we should be proud to belong to the same organization as that in which so many of Loyola's 'Greats' have taken an active part."

The Moderator, Fr. Stanford, thanked all for their co-operation in the Sodality, and hoped their generosity would continue in the coming term.

The guest speaker was Fr. Hector Daly, well-known to many College men, who in their High School days, were part of his very active K.B.S., Sodality,

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Ready for Occupancy by Mid-January

With the recent announcement from the Rector's Office that the Central Building will be available for occupancy at the termination of the Christmas holidays, a new era has arisen in Loyola's history. Necessitated by the inauguration of a regular Science Course last year and the resulting increase

of students, this building is another step towards the completion of the original building plan which began back in 1916 when Loyola moved westward from Drummond Street. The Junior Building and Refectory were erected that year while the stadium was built in 1923. The last main addition to the plan was made in 1932 when the Chapel adjoining the Administration Building was erected on Sherbrooke Street. The present addition is the fifth of the seven buildings originally called for in the blueprint.

In harmony with the style of the present edifices, the Central Building will be of the English Collegiate Gothic type. Two hundred and forty feet long and fifty-eight feet wide, it is to contain, when completed, three storeys with an added storey, covering eighty-five feet, to house a library. At present, however, due to the lack of materials and to building restrictions, the first storey alone will be ready for use. Connected with the Administration and Refectory Buildings at either end by passageways, this floor contains seven classrooms, storerooms, washrooms and a large Recreation Hall. These rooms will be employed by the overflow of High School students now housed in the Administration Building. Their exodus from the College Building will grant the much needed space to the Collegians.

'Twill Be The Night After Christmas And A Date To Remember

A communique from Freshman headquarters states that their annual social will be staged on the night after Christmas, December 26th.

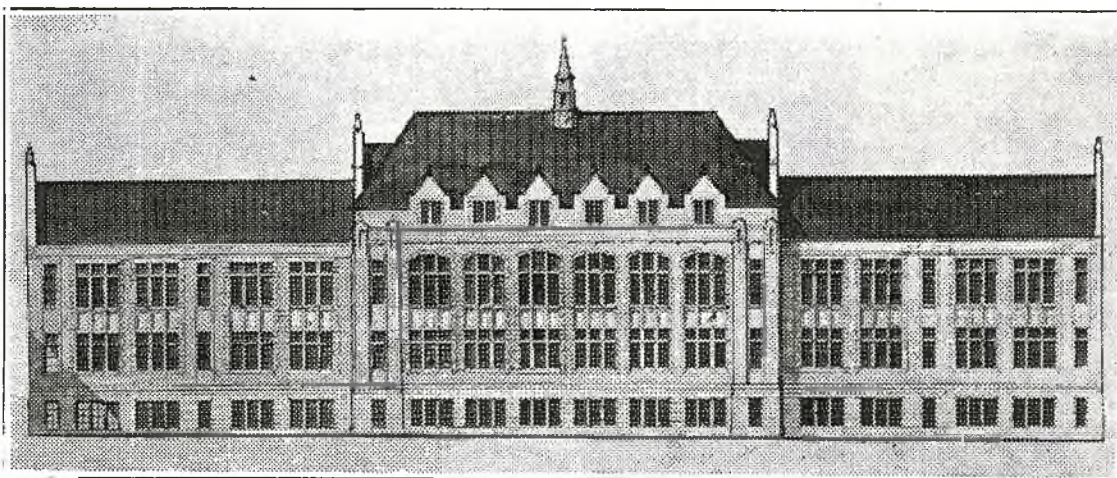
This date will fit in perfectly with the Christmas spirit and Freshman has gone to great pains to ensure you of an evening of ideal enjoyment which will blend successfully with your plans for the Christmas season.

Victoria Hall will be the scene of this gala holiday event and the main attraction of the evening will be the music of Blake Sewell and his orchestra, featuring vocalists Thelma Lane, Lester McCabe and Art Thompson. This is the finest band in Montreal, third in Canada, and we know that you will enjoy their music.

Freshman, living up to its reputation, promises a number of surprises in the course of the evening. Refreshments will be served to all.

The price is well within everyone's reach and as this is the last day on which tickets may be obtained be sure to see your class representative or you will miss out one of the best socials Loyola has ever had.

Remember the "Night After Christmas" at 8.45.



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Pete Shaughnessy Speaks Out On New Rules

...The score of the Westhill-Loyola final particularly interested me because of the new rules introduced this season. I believe many people were discouraged that a bigger score in this game and others had not resulted.

... the reason for my making this statement might be laid to the fact that I have had the opportunity to witness American College and H. S. teams in action the past two years. On a comparison, play for play, the Americans work much better than the Canadians.

... rules are just about exactly the same. The main difference, and the most important factor of the game as it is played by both countries, is the blocking. ... The feature of blocking ranks as most important and it is a decidedly scientific art. Yet the Montreal H.S. teams I have seen are very poor in this respect. If this can be improved, by just 70%, the scores will be tripled.

... to state that the American is a better football player than the Canadian is a very stupid thing to say. I am of the opinion that any Montreal H.S. team, properly trained and coached in the rules of the game, is capable of soundly beating any American H.S. team of the same size and weight.

... I heartily endorse the rules now in operation. They are an indication of the eagerness with which the High School football leaders in Montreal are trying to improve the game.

... The thing to remember is that the play does not end at the line of scrimmage. There is a secondary defence and a tertiary defence which must be eliminated. Every play is a touchdown play and only hard, efficient and scientific blocking will bring about effective plays. ... Thus I suggest that further discussion on the benefits of the rules should be replaced by discussion on the quality of the coaches ...

(Ed. Note. — Comment is invited from all quarters).

Talk By Fr. Feeney Features Wit And Personality

Boldly stating that his final utterance at least would have "some relation to my subject," Father Leonard Feeney, S.J., declared that the real preservation of personality is the immortality of the soul. The fourth speaker in the Loyola Lecture Series, Father Feeney awed his enthusiastic audience with his captivating personality and brilliant remarks. Famous for his essays and poems, he displayed on December 3rd the personality that lurks behind his works and convinced a delighted gathering of his claim to fame.

Dwelling at length on the personality of "his children" (the very young and the very old), Father Feeney scooped his publishers by reading a poem he has written for his younger children, entitled "Once Upon a Time." This reading alone endeared him to his listeners, so delightful and enchanting was his manner. And flowing from his talk on the young came his vivid description of the daily episode of the priest and the altar-boy. So profound yet whimsical was it, that to describe it would be to destroy it. Then after talking briefly on the Little Flower (all five feet eleven inches of her) and her division of personality into three inner selves, he made the startling observation quoted at the beginning.

"My mind is a chaos of brilliant ideas" asserted Father Feeney, quoting Voltaire. Let us hope that his mind will always be such if this lecture was a result of that chaos.

Passing Parade

By PHIL READY

Bob Swinton is now in his eighth and final year at Loyola. When Bob leaves next June his cheery presence is going to be missed by everyone for he has been connected with every organization at Loyola.

This year Bob is doing a fine job as Vice-Prefect of the College Sodality besides taking an active part in the Intra-Mural Debates.

However, Bob's most important job does not materialize until the second term. This job, as most of you know, has to do with his favourite sport — Skiing! For it is Bob who has



Schuss!!!

been the guiding light of our ski teams for the past few years and with Bob as Manager of the team again we can be assured of a successful season.

Bob has also played football, having been one of the best flying wings any Senior Team has ever boasted of at Loyola.

We wish you the best of luck with your skiing this year, Bob. By the way, when will you call the first practice?

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Under the Tower

With JACK O'BRIEN

Towards the end of last month things were pretty rushed Under the Tower and our holiday came just in time. Congrats to Russ Breen and Don Bussière on a fine issue. They can now rest easier till next term when they'll handle another issue by themselves. While on the subject of the staff, we are sorry to say that Bernie Gollop, who has taken our photography chores under his wing for the whole term, has been forced to resign because of the pressure of studies after doing a great job. Rudy Dollfuss is now filling his boots. Our Art Editor, finding himself in somewhat the same circumstances, has handed over the easel to Frank McGee of Frosh whose work you see in this issue. Incidentally, now that the staff has been broken in, the 'stag' tentatively scheduled for the end of this term will be held right after the exams. Gate-crashers take note!!!

Everything considered, the postman did all right by us during November. Every day brought new mail ... some of it interesting and some anything but!! Pete Shaughnessy took time out from swabbing decks below the border to drop us his opinion on the type of football played in these parts during the past season. The envelope which carried the mail showed signs of wear and tear and between our address and his own return address (6 lines) Pete managed to sneak in a stamp. You'll find excerpts from his letter elsewhere in this edition. Chris Gribben was another who managed to drop a few lines homeward. He's enjoying his stay with the Fleet Air Arm and has been chasing all over the British Isles. "English girls are okay," quoth Chris, "but they don't come near our Canadian girls." The speedy arrival overseas of the first News swept him off his feet. He's looking forward to following the Ski news and the doings of the social set in the News because a Canadian Newspaper in England, well — "there ain't any such animal."

Last month, before a rehearsal of the P.C. (three guesses!!) we dropped into Langford's for a sandwich and stayed to hear quite a story. For fifteen years Mrs. Langford has seen Loyola boys come and go and she has enjoyed every minute of it. Referring to the present overcrowding at lunch, we were told that the present condition is nothing to what it has been in the past. At one time the boys used to fight for the right to eat in the kitchen and when seating capacity was stretched to the limit a table in the cellar was reserved for the Seniors who used to guard its secrets jealously. The system employed during all this time is a tribute to Loyola men. There is no record kept of what you order—there are no checks—you pay on your own word as you leave after lunch. Such a system, which is really one of honour, is incredible and yet it has proven 100% successful. If, as sometimes happens, a boy is short of change, he always makes it up the following day, Mrs. Langford stated. Truth is stranger than fiction.

The snow came suddenly out of nowhere but the skiers were ready. Friday, December 1st, saw the old trek to Murray Park begin. Unlike other years skiing conditions were A-1 and the boys were out *en masse* to stem, turn, climb and ... fall! On every side you could hear hellos as old acquaintances were renewed. Jim McKenna, who hadn't taken time out to change, arrived in uniform with Phil Ready in tow but there must have been other things doing because 10 minutes later they beat a silent retreat. That same week-end Gordie Emblem toddled North to see what kind of a 'joint' he had invested money in while Bob Swinton did the same thing last week-end. Here's hoping the members of the various clubs don't receive too much of a surprise when they finally arrive in all their glory.

ODDS AND ENDS: Frank Higgins dropped into a Career Angel rehearsal when home on a 48 ... He just can't stay away. Maybe we should have more Intra-Mural debates. Confer "Shower" for more data. Swinton to McKenna and Roney concerning the coming Frosh Social: "Tis the night after Christmas and all through the house, not a creature is stirring not even a mouse". ... Maybe the slogan "Tis the night after Christmas!" wasn't so good after all. Don't worry men. Well, have a good time over the holidays and ... "we'll be skiing you!!!"

CRITICS ACCLAIM "CAREER ANGEL"



Bro. Seraphim, centre (O'Brien) trying to convince Bros. Fidelis (Orr) Ubaldus (Gibbons) and Gregory (Harcourt) that the Angel (Limoges) is on the desk.

Missa Night Features New Talent

On the evenings of Dec. 5th, 6th and 7th, the Boys' Section of Missa presented a varied entertainment for the public in the D'Arcy McGee Auditorium. Magicians, vocalists, musicians and thespians combined in a highly laudable performance.

The evening was opened by St. Willibrord's magician, Fernandez Dufor, who, with his volunteer assistants, successfully performed a series of flawless tricks and expert juggling.

There followed skits presented by Sodalists from Luke Callaghan, Catholic High and Loyola. This last was a radio skit depicting one of the problems, with its solution, of a typical Catholic family — the Barlows. The cast was headed by Phil Ready who handled the part of Mr. Barlow with perfection. Lorraine Barr did professional acting as Mrs. Barlow. Their problem children, Joan and Wheezer, were done full justice by Joan Berry and Wally Baril, while the voices of their companions were taken by Joan

Lunny, Bernice Cherry and Gerry Lawson. The announcers for the production were Frank O'Leary, Jim McKenna and Charlie Roberts.

Also from Loyola were Ted Rooney and Louis Charbonneau. Ted staged an Information Please quiz in which he proved himself to be a first class M. C. — even to paying the contestants who knew all the answers. Louis, with his accordion and his singing, was by far the most popular attraction of the evening.

D'Arcy McGee's vocal contribution included Ursula Wilkinson — golden-voiced soloist, the Trio and the Four F's. These, together with fourteen other Sodalists, under the direction of Bro. Mathias, gave admirable renditions of Venite Adoremus, Christ The King and Mother Beloved.

The Boys' Section is to be heartily congratulated for this truly fine display of talent; it is hoped that "Missa Night" will become an annual event.

Loyola Sodalities Sponsor "The Barlows" and "Signals"

After their banquet on Dec. 8th, both the High School and College Sodalists were treated to a diversified entertainment in the Auditorium.

Several of the presentations were those Loyola had produced on "Missa Night." Ted Rooney was present in his genial role as M. C. of "Information Please" and took great pleasure in watching Bob Swinton pay off John Meagher and Henry Magnan. "The Barlows" with their original cast, as well as Rosemary Gallagher and Patricia Cogan, were on hand to induct their serious note into the proceedings. Louis Charbonneau, who assisted in both these productions, later came

into the spotlight and gave out with "Stardust."

Jack O'Brien then organized a Sing-song and though he had some collaborationists, there was considerable competition from individualists, isolationists and radicalists. Nevertheless all and sundry had a good time in the confusion.

The closing event of the evening, a one-act comedy presented by the members of the K. B. S. "Signals," was very well done by its young cast with Neil O'Keefe in the leading role. Mike McManus, George Morissette, Peter Dyson and Bernard Flanagan composed the rest of the cast, and all of them displayed the fine effects of Fr. McCarthy's expert direction.

Performances Again Tonight And Tomorrow Night

BY A. LOGAN

Loyola College Dramatic Society presented its semi-annual play last night in the college auditorium. The play chosen for this presentation is "Career Angel," a three-act comedy, properly called, but one which sounds the gamut of emotional tones from hilarity to light pathos.

"Career Angel," suggestive of a Broadway metaphor, is literal — the story of an angel who pursues the career of indirect philanthropist to a group of indigent teaching brothers, directing a home for boys. This celestial helper is the guardian angel of Brother Seraphim, the founder of Bosco Institute, who, aided by Brothers Gregory and Ubaldus and the Angel, and hindered by supernatural complications and the obnoxious Brother Fidelis, finally saves Bosco Institute from financial ruin, helps capture a band of Nazi spies and re-establishes his own mental integrity.

As an undercurrent to the main flow of events, i.e., Brother Seraphim's deliverance of the home by the discovery of a priceless manuscript, there is a secondary plot involving Nazi spies. This constitutes the presentation as regards plots and sub-plots.

Although the protagonist was undoubtedly Brother Seraphim, played by the veteran actor Jack O'Brien, nevertheless first honours for last night's presentation must be awarded to Paul Orr for his entirely convincing and connaturally sympathetic interpretation of the difficult role of the hatefully pedantic and stoical Brother Fidelis. At all times Paul knew what he wanted and how to obtain it and convey it to the audience. He handled a part easily prone to ridiculous exaggeration with the correct amount of restraint and without loss of effect.

Jack O'Brien as Brother Seraphim displayed a facile histrionic technique, and sincerely touched his audience by his portrayal of the kindly old Brother with explicit trust in God and reliance on his Guardian Angel for the successful outcome of all things. He showed himself an accomplished actor by his command of varied emotional resources of voice and facial expression in the several pathetic scenes in this comedy.

The other main character, Brother Gregory, the Superior, was capably portrayed by William Harcourt, who was impressive for his clever acting ability, stage demeanor and



Kearney (in pyjamas) is having it pretty rough with the boys he has caught sneaking in at 1 a.m. Suddaby is doing the talking.

personal appearance. His facial expressions were exquisite and conveyed much more than his words, which were uttered in a rather hurried manner, with the result that an unwanted, almost verbal, legato was produced.

Remi Limoges interpreted the role of the Angel. Here was a very talented actor in a part which narrowly limited the scope of his ability by the very character of the role. However, for this reason he was able to concentrate on this part all the resources of his talent, so that a strange, endearing and subtly comical character was presented on the stage.

Among the minor roles, Dennis Ryan as Kurt Rheinhold showed talent of some promise in his sensitive handling of this pathetic assignment, while Louis Gibbon's every word and gesture, in the role of Brother Ubaldus, bespoke a completely natural stage demeanor. John Ryan was restrained as Mr. Barr, the Nazi saboteur. Loyola High School boys constituted a jovial group of lads to aggravate Br. Fidelis and delight Brother Seraphim.

"Career Angel" is an exciting, novel and thoroughly entertaining *pièce de théâtre*, and should be seen by all those appreciative of excellent acting and desirous of a full evening's entertainment.

The Loyola orchestra under Prof. J. Drouin rendered pleasing music. The *décor* was tastefully arranged by the artist Hans Berends, while stage effects, etc. were under the competent direction of Darrell Walsh.

The whole was a credit to the

C.O.T.C. Briefs

COMPETITION:

Inter-platoon drill competition was the interesting highlight of the past week's training. Honours were won by No. 14 Platoon, "C" Company, under the capable direction of Lieutenant F. Bedford and Sergeant P. Ready. Second place went to No. 10 Platoon, "A" Company, commanded by Lieutenant L. O'Toole and Sergeant A. Milledge. The two winning Platoons were presented with trophies, as symbols of their accomplishments in their respective companies, by Captain H. Cook.

The members of No. 14 Platoon deserve high praise as the Platoon is composed mainly of first year recruits and their showing demonstrated ability, spirit and co-ordination.

The competition was highly successful as expert drill was performed by all Platoons. This was noticeable in the close margin of points tabulated in the final standing.

SKIING:

The season's first fall of snow recalled memories of last year's scheme in the Laurentians. If arrangements can be made a similar expedition is in order during the coming winter months.

For preparation take the hickories out of storage and practice your schusses for the coming tactics.

director, Mr. Ready, and the producer, Fr. Bryan, S.J.

"Career Angel" will be repeated this evening and again tomorrow night.

In the High School Spotlight

K. B. S.

Through numerous projects and contests during the past term the organization has managed to keep up a widening interest in every activity. Perhaps the most important temporal project was the essay contest for position of Secretary won by Mike McManus.

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Sodality

To wind up the year the Sodality had its final meeting and with justification can be satisfied with the success of this past term. Their reception was held recently along with the reception of the College Sodality. This was followed by an evening of entertainment provided mostly by the High School section, with Louis Charbonneau the outstanding exception.

4th High Sensation

There has been great speculation over Loyola's 'Voice,' who was heard not so long ago over all the local radios. We have all heard him swooning around the corridors but few pictured him before a mike. He did pretty well, as far as we know. At least he has no scars to cause doubt. Nice going, Claude.

3rd High

Apart from the fact that Denis Laberge seems to be accumulating a frightening amount of jug these days it looks as if "Slinky" Morissette has stolen the spotlight. George displayed noticeable talent when he played a hardened criminal. The play "Signals," to which I have referred, was staged before the Mothers' Guild and again with great success on Sodality Day.

The Seconds

Looking back we feel quite proud for the part that the seconds have played in the past term in athletics and also in other activities. A review of them would take pages. 2A is already preparing cheers to support their promising intra-mural team.

Kent Theatre

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Let's Glance Back....

I suppose it would only be natural that at this time of year I extend to you a season's greeting and congratulate you on a very successful term.

Well, I do that. And I hope that you have a pleasant vacation. However I also would like to look back with you on this last term. I feel that as we do we can all smile since it has been most successful in every field.

In athletics the High School put into the field two complete teams, one of which became city champions. Of the other also we may well be proud. To the seniors, Catholic champs, the High School supplied such outstanding players as Captain Keith English, Sammy Davison, Tous, MacDonald and many others. They were a hard-hitting bunch.

We do not have to look too far back to see Loyola's Swimming Squad take the Catholic Championship. For this, too much credit cannot be given to Charlie Shaw, an H.S. man whose labours enabled us to put forth a top team.

A High School organization which did not get a lot of credit or publicity is the Air Cadets. This group has moved along in steady progress looking forward to the day when it will be given its opportunity to take the lead. It will be thought by some that the A.C.2 who is writing this is making a move toward stripes. Take it from me, there is not a chance.

The High School is represented in the L.C.A.A. and the C.S.R.

The High School is also found in strength in the dramatic personnel of Career Angel, which last night made a successful premiere.

Yes, we have come a long way in this last term. Let us renew our efforts with our resolutions in the next one and go twice as far in the bettering of our school. It does not remain in the hands of your presidents and sport stars. It's up to us, the little fellows, from Prep up.

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Fireworks in Smoker After Second Series of Debates

The second debate on the Intra-Mural Debating League schedule is now history. The resolution reads: "Resolved that it was in the best interests of Canada that the Liberal Party upheld its overseas service policy since the outbreak of hostilities."

The affirmative team of Walter Kurys and Yves Menard of Sophomore visited the Philosophers and lost the debate by a score of 2-1. They were defeated by the negative team of Al Biega and Bob Swinton. The debate was highly interesting and showed that both teams were well prepared.

In Sophomore the visiting Freshman affirmative team of Mike Cashin and Ron Sutherland defeated the negative team of Don Bussiere and Leo Salvati of Sophomore by a score of 2-1. This was a very unruly debate as the speakers had often to raise their voices in order to be heard over the noise. Besides this, the whole point of the resolution was missed by both teams.

Meanwhile in Freshman the Philosopher's affirmative team of Gerry St. Cyr and Joe White gained a unanimous decision over Freshman's negative team of H. Gregory and L. Brophy. Gerry showed that discontinuation of Premier King's policy would threaten the set-up of the whole country while his colleague, Joe, pointed out that General McNaughton's stand justified the government's policy. The Freshman team showed how burdensome the Zombie army is to the Canadian people and also satirized the government's stand as irresolute and unsatisfactory.

Standing:

- 1—Philosophy
- 2—Sophomore
- 3—Freshman

On behalf of the students and faculty the News wishes to extend condolences to John Callaghan, of Sophomore and to his family on the recent death of his father.

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Senior Team Fairly Set; C.H.S. Big Foe

For the coming hockey campaign, Loyola promises to be represented by a formidable squad in the Senior League. With the genial Fr. Grimes at the helm the team will have plenty of "zip" and well patterned plays.

Hard hit by graduation, only five of last year's team remain: English, DeQuoy, Payette, Sutherland and Maloney. The team will be strengthened by a few of last year's Juniors, Pelton, McArdle and Reynolds, with the latter expected to do very well in senior company. We will go out on a limb in predicting that fast, shifty, hard - shooting Gerry Payette is slated for certain stardom this coming season. Bill Mantha last year's substitute goaler, will guard the twine.

Reynolds and McArdle will team up as one defence pair, with Freckles Sutherland and hard-hitting, all-star Ralph Toohy working together as another blue-line combination. Bob Boyle is slated for substitution duty. The forward lines will probably consist of English, DeQuoy, and Payette as one line and Pelton, Tremblay, and Maloney as another. Pollack and Dodge will be substitutes. Fr. Grimes predicts that he will have a hard-fighting squad, and warns the Double Blue of McGee, and the Black and White of C.H.S. that his boys will be out to win every game.

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The Sportsider

By JIMMY O'CONNOR

BASKETALK . . .

If alumnus Merv. Labelle were around to see the great strides basketball is making at Loyola, we're sure he'd have pleasant dreams for the rest of his life. Last year, Merv. resurrected the game for us, dusted it off and pushed it to the point where it was when the present '44-45 crop of enthusiasts took over. Fr. Bradley S.J. has slipped entries for a Bantam, a Junior and a Senior team into the High School inter-scholastic leagues and the fact that the Bantams dropped their first game to St. Willibrord's a week ago, means nothing but that "we haven't even begun to fight."

If the new building is ready for action after the holidays, we hope to have an Intra-Mural Basketball League under way right away. The league should go, because only five men are needed to a side and there need be no postponements due to manpower shortages. Furthermore another sport besides hockey will be required to keep all the boys busy through the winter.

TRIP TO PLACID SHAPING UP!

The L.C.A.A. announces that the College C.O.T.C. Hockey team will not return to Lake Flacid over the New Year's week-end as they did a year ago, but that, if a suitable date can be found, they'll spend two days and play two games at the Adirondack resort either during January or February. Our opponents have yet to be picked, but the authorities in Flacid are trying to shake up a team from the Army men at West Point. Failing this, a second team from Montreal may conceivably make the trip with us. It's bound to be fun whomever we play or even whether we play!!

COLLEGE—C.O.T.C. TEAM POSSIBLE!

With College hockey still on the Out-for-the-Duration list, the L.C.A.A. and C.O.T.C. combined have been toying with the idea of entering the Westmount Services League. The league will contain five or six Army and Air Force teams and the calibre of play is somewhat below that of the National Defence League. If permission can be obtained from school and Army authorities, there may yet be a little College hockey around this year. So if you're thinking of playing, keep your fingers crossed!

FOR H.S. HOCKEY PLAYERS ONLY . . .

The coaches of the various teams have been appointed and they in turn have picked their managers. All there remains now is for the boys to turn out with stick and skates and show what they can do. If you've ever played hockey before, get out to the practices—you'll help yourself and you may help the team, so don't wait.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON . . .

Before signing off until the New Year we should make with something a little Christmasy, even if it's only to show that sometimes we too think about other things besides pucks and sticks and footballs and baskets, etc. For we can tell that that heart-warming holly-and-tinsel spirit has taken over completely, in fact so much so that the Freshmen are talking to the Seniors and the Sophs have stopped challenging everybody they meet. There's peace on earth and good-will in the smoker.

The New's Sports Staff, including such able reporters as the Bobs Boyle and Guimond, Brian Danaher, Charlie Shaw, John Meagher, Mike Cashin and a lot of others, want to extend their sincerest wishes to all the faithful for the best possible Christmas and New Year. We also send the season's greetings to our outside readers, especially to the boys in the Services who won't be home for this Christmas. Our New Year's wish to them is that the war will end during '45 and that they won't have to be away for another Dec. 25th. Happy Holidays and remember the stadium will be open for action throughout the next couple of weeks, so come out and get in a little skating . . .

Cagers Await New Building Opening Big Things Planned

Now that the off season between football and hockey has arrived, all those sport-minded around the College have turned to a game comparatively new here, basketball.

Every day many can be seen on the makeshift court in the Stadium, passing the ball around. Two games between Junior and Soph have been played, with the second year coming out on top both times. Both these games were played without the guidance of a referee but despite this fact were surprisingly clean. Considering the rather crude floor these games were fast as well as high in scoring.

With the new building nearing completion, a fine, modern basketball floor will be available within a few weeks. So Loyola's basketballers have been busily preparing for their first official season.

Last Saturday our first practice took place on the spacious Community Hall floor. The Senior team received particular attention at this outing. They showed a fine team led by veterans Mike Biega, Hec McCrae and Pat Norris. 'Big Boy' Howie McCarney also made an excellent showing. He displayed considerable finesse under the basket.

Also present were candidates for places on the Junior and Bantam squads. By the way, an inexperienced Bantam team, picked up on very short notice, went down to defeat at the hands of St. Willibrord's. An encouraging note however is that several fine diamonds in the rough were found among our boys. There is no doubt that after a little coaching they will be moulded into a fast, aggressive outfit.

There has been talk around the College that there will be an intramural league. It is hoped that there will be five or six teams from among the College classes.

All in all, it is evident that basketball has arrived at Loyola to stay.

Mr. Ambrosie S.J. Reports on Turnout Of 90 Bantam Hockeyists

The scene shifts from Campus Capers to Ice Skaters. Nothing, 'tis said, succeeds like success. That's why on Nov. 25th, with the cheers of Football victory still echoing in their ears, ninety eager pucksters burned the ice in their enthusiasm to prove themselves. A mere ninety! The eternal Juniors may come and Seniors may go but the Bantams go on forever.

Prospects are promising. A few veterans will add the weight of experience to the 1945 nucleus. New blood however is always necessary to spark a Bantam team.

One point needs an explanation; the same, mutatis mutandis, holds for Junior and Senior. Who is eligible for Bantam? This is best answered by first eliminating the ineligible. If you have reached your fifteenth year before midnight of Sept. 1, 1944, you are NOT eligible. Since there is no weight limit for hockey, eligible Bantams include everyone else. Fulfill the age requirement and then weigh as much or as little as you please.

About that new blood! Come one; come all! All blood donors are welcome. Then there'll always be Bantams.

Jrs. Show Speed and Promise

Because of the fact that only two practices have been held by the Junior Team, predictions for the coming season are almost impossible. However, from these practices we can safely say that this team will be battling for championship honours throughout the coming campaign. From all indications the nucleus of the team will be formed from last year's Bantam outfit. Dinty O'Shaugnessy is a certainty for the goaler position.

He was the leading goaler in Bantam ranks last year. In front of Shag there will be two sets of heavy-hitting defencemen. Established stalwarts like Moe Malone, Kohler and Guterli will be augmented by newcomers like Trudeau and Drury. Up front the Juniors will have three fast-skating lines. Since a very limited number of practices have been held, several positions are still open and only after the holidays will the complete lineup be announced. However it is safe to say that three fast hard-working lines will skate out for the first game early next month.

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Nowadays the smoker is really a hive of activity. Little groups of citizens are everywhere discussing everything. We passed by one group clad in khaki, and heard a mad Irishman say to his sympathetic hearers: "So he bawls me out for five minutes because I didn't have an interested look on my face. What does he think I am, a lance-corporal? Pretty soon he'll start wearing his pip on his coveralls. When that happens I'll talk to him like a father. I'll say 'Leo' I'll say..."

Leaving this boy we were nearly knocked over by Mr. James O'Connor as he rushed from the lab in disgust howling: "Girls... Girls everywhere..." And as we stepped aside we were nearly knocked over by a mob rushing into the lab with a wicked glint in their eyes and howling "Girls! Girls!"

And almost any Thursday may be had an argument with anyone, for the debaters are in full swing. They just move their argument out into the hall when the bell rings and keep right on going. Last Thursday the boys were going strong when Neil King cleared his throat suggestively. At this the groups fell silent as word was passed around that the 'King' was about to speak. "Yes Neil" prompted Mr. Sullivan, preparing to record the words for posterity. Amid a breathless hush Neil spoke. "Oh, nothing" he said, "I was just clearing my throat..."

And the coming of Christmas reminded some of the boys from St. Augustine's of the days when the Langan twins would be dressed up in white and lead out the other altar boys on Christmas Eve. They were supposed to represent Angels. And it seems that Owen Maloney used to accompany them carrying a little baby doll. Talk about the results of early training.

But that reminds me that certain scholastic requirements must be met. As the old buffer said. "Ah, the inaudible and noiseless foot of time."

December 8th

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(and even his French class). Fr. Daly recalled the "good old days" of the Saturday morning Communion Breakfasts.

"Our Lady's place in a Sodalist's life" was Fr. Daly's topic. He quoted a letter from Phil Shaughnessy in which Bernie Slattery (recently killed in Belgium) and Phil said they often looked back with joy to their Sodality days at Loyola. "Our Lady doesn't occupy a sufficient place in many a Sodalist's life today," continued Fr. Daly. "You are not a Sodalist for today only, but for your whole life. Love and hate what Mary

loves and hates in modern life. Don't let the world be your standard.

"Be unselfish, don't criticize, help the spirit of the Sodality. Mary didn't complain about her journey to Bethlehem, or to Egypt. You will be asked to make sacrifices. Ask yourself what Mary would have done if she had been asked to do the same task.

"By your words and conduct don't let Mary down. Be loyal to Loyola," Fr. Daly concluded, "but first be loyal to Mary, then you are being loyal to Loyola."

Xmas Story Without an Ending

This is a short Christmas story written by Peter Mickles of first year High D. However it is not complete—it lacks an ending. Simply type the ending, as you would have it, on a piece of paper and leave it in the News office. You may be the lucky winner.

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the sapphire arc of his home church with bells and organ music resounding. The shaking palms are sending their monotonous twitching to the slumbering jungle. His eyes grow

brighter, "It's Midnight!"

Far away he sees a bright star resting on the western horizon. It seems to be the conductor of the other stars in their music. Behind him he hears the warbling notes of larks from the solemn darkness which seem to join in chorus with the stars singing in glory. He wonders what this has to do with him—a lone soldier, on a lone island.

Yet the stars grow brighter and seem to send a piercing ray at him.

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